

PREESALL-WITH-HACKINSALL
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1909.

To the Preesall Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to present my TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

There were 49 births (29 males and 20 females), and 21 deaths (12 males and 9 females), registered in your Sanitary District during the year 1909, as compared with 41 births and 24 deaths in 1908.

The Total Acreage of the District is 3232 Statute Acres.

The Population, by Census of 1901, was 1423. I have estimated the population at 1995 for the year, there was one new house.

The birth-rate amounted to 24·5 per 1000 inhabitants, as compared with 20·9 the previous year, and the gross death-rate amounted to 10·5 per 1000, as compared with 12·2 the previous year. Deducting the deaths of those not belonging to the District, we have a death-rate of 9·02 per 1000 inhabitants.

The death-rate from Zymotic Diseases, at all ages, was ·7, as compared with ·5 the year before.

There was one death from Drowning—a Territorial Soldier, who was drowned whilst bathing, he was Camping at Knott End.

There were 3 deaths under one year—these give a death-rate of 2·1—the causes of death were, premature birth, 2 ; and Bronchitis, 1.

The rate of deaths under one year to 1000 births registered was 61.

The death-rate from Phthisis and Tubercular Diseases was ·7, as compared with 1·02 the year before.

The death-rate from Diseases of the Respiratory Organs, including Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Pleurisy, was 2·1, as compared with 2·05 the year before.

The Mortality from all causes, at subjoined ages, was as follows :—

At all ages.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 5.	5 years and under 15.	15 years and under 25.	25 years and under 65.	65 years and upwards.
21	3	2	—	2	7	7

Of the 7 deaths over 65 years the ages were 66, 73, 78, 81, 81, 83, and 84.

House accommodation, generally, is adequate and fit for habitation. There was only one new house granted a Certificate for Occupation during the year.

The Water Supply from the Fylde Water Board has been supplied to more houses during the year ; it is not yet used by all houses.

There were four cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year, one case of Scarlet Fever in January, and three cases of Enteric Fever in September, all in one house. The cases of Enteric Fever were all members of one family, they were all ill within three or four days of each other. The water supply was from a well, and a sample of this was sent away for analysis, but the bottle was broken on the journey, meanwhile the well was disconnected and Carbolic Acid poured into it, so that no other sample could be obtained. The Fylde Water was laid on and has been used since. The house was isolated and Nurses obtained, and every Sanitary precaution taken to limit the disease,

which did not spread to any other person. One of the cases was fatal. This outbreak shews the necessity of having a suitable Disinfecting Apparatus.

There was no death from Epidemic Diarrhœa.

There is no Hospital for Infectious Diseases, arrangements have been made for sending cases into Moss Side Hospital.

There is a Small Pox Hospital at Elswick, for use with the Garstang, Preston, and Fylde Unions.

There is no Disinfecting Apparatus.

Houses are Disinfected with Formalin Spray, and Sulphur dioxide Gas.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE—There is still no efficient Sewerage for the District. At Knott End the Sewers open one into the River Wyre, and the other on to the Foreshore. At Preesall drains run into the open ditches. Between these two places a system of settling tanks is in vogue, the effluents of some of these near Knott End are carried on to the foreshore by a drain, of others are allowed to run into ditches. The sludge from these tanks is placed on the land in places where it is not likely to cause a nuisance, and at other times into the refuse tip where the contents of the privy middens, Cesspits and pail Closets are emptied, this is covered at once with dry ashes.

Two Special Reports were sent in and copies also sent to the Local Government Board and the County Medical Officer of Health.

There are three Slaughterhouses in the District and they are duly Licensed, they are regularly visited, and kept clean.

No organs of any beasts were condemned as being Tuberculous nor was any Carcass.

The Milkshops and Dairies are regularly visited and are registered.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

A Register of Factories and Workshops is kept, there are 38 on the Register.

There are no underground Bakehouses.

No Lists of Outworkers have been received.

(a) FACTORIES—6 :

Salt Works	...	...	...	1
Joinery	...	...	...	1
Brickworks	...	...	...	1
Corn Mills	...	...	...	2
Bone Mill	...	...	...	1
				6

(b) WORKSHOPS—32 :

Bakehouses	...	...	...	12
Bootmakers	...	...	...	2
Dressmakers	...	...	...	7
Provender Stores	...	...	...	1
Saddlers	...	...	...	2
Joiners	...	...	...	2
Blacksmiths	...	...	...	1
Plumbers	...	...	...	2
Cycle Repairer	...	...	...	1
Basket Maker	...	...	...	1
Tailor	...	...	...	1
				32

Number of Visits—74.

Orders were given to three who required White-washing, to one to supply Sanitary accommodation, and were complied with.

I append the necessary Tables for the Local Government Board and the County Medical Officer of Health.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

WILLIAM HENRY ROBINSON,

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Fleetwood, March 15th, 1910.

